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SUBJECT: VISIT OF POLISH PRIME MINISTER JAROSZEWICZ

1. POLISH AMBASSADOR TOLD AMBASSADOR A FEW DAYS AGO THAT POLISH COUNCIL OF MINISTER'S CHAIRMAN JAROSZEWICZ, WHOSE VISIT HERE BEGINS JULY 25, WILL FOCUS ON ECONOMIC COOPERATION MATTERS AND TRY TO BOOST POLISH-ROMANIAN TRADE, WHICH HE CALLED THE LOWEST OF ANY OF ROMANIA'S CEMA PARTNERS.

2. COMMENT: WE ARE PUZZLED BY POLISH AMBASSADOR'S DESCRIPTION OF LEVEL OF ROMANIAN-POLISH TRADE. BY CONTRAST, ACCORDING TO PRELIMINARY UNPUBLISHED DATA OBTAINED HERE FROM ROMANIAN CENTRAL STATISTICAL DIRECTORATE, POLISH-ROMANIAN TWO-WAY TRADE IN 1973 REACHED \$301 MILLION, A SURPRISING 46 PERCENT INCREASE OVER THE 1972 TOTAL OF \$206 MILLION, COMPARED TO MUCH SMALLER YEARLY INCREASES PREVIOUSLY, AND GREATER THAN ROMANIA'S TRADE WITH EITHER HUNGARY OR BULGARIA. IN 1972 BILATERAL TRADE WAS IMBALANCED IN FAVOR OF POLAND PROBABLY DUE TO ROMANIAN IMPORTS OF RAW MATERIALS, NOTABLY COKE, AND OTHER INDUSTRIAL EQUIPMENT. EARLY LAST YEAR WE WERE TOLD BY POLISH

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ECONOMIC COUNSELOR THAT TOTAL ROMANIAN-POLISH TRADE IN

1973 WOULD AMOUNT TO ABOUT \$200 MILLION, A YEARLY INCREASE ROUGHLY CONSISTENT WITH EARLIER YEARS, AND THAT THE 1972 IMBALANCE WOULD BE REDUCED BY INCREASED ROMANIAN EXPORTS. THIS UNEXPECTED SHARP INCREASE IN 1973, IF CORRECT, THEREFORE PROBABLY REFLECTS CIRCUMSTANCES WHICH NEED SPECIAL ATTENTION, AND COULD POSSIBLY BE THE RESULT OF INCREASED ROMANIAN FOOD PRODUCTS IMPORTS, ESPECIALLY POTATOES, DUE TO ADVERSE AGRICULTURAL CONDITIONS IN ROMANIA IN RECENT YEARS, AND OF ROMANIAN REQUIREMENTS FOR INCREASED AMOUNTS OF EQUIPMENT TO SUPPORT RAISED DOMESTIC INDUSTRIAL GOALS (EQUIPMENT FOR WHICH HARD CURRENCY IS LACKING FOR PURCHASES BY ROMANIA FROM WESTERN COUNTRIES).

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